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I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS,
ONE NATION INDIVISIBLE,
WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

The sun rose bright and early over the Nation's Capital, on the morning of Flag Day, June 14, to usher 52 4-H boys and girls into adult American citizenship.

At 8:45 a.m., the 173 delegates assembled and were motored to the reflection pool directly in front of the Lincoln Memorial. Here they witnessed a very impressive ceremony as club members from 31 States, who were just 21 years old, were symbolically inducted into the privileges of citizenship by Dr. Carl F. Taeusch of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

A brief procession brought the candidates into a colorful formation surrounded by a semicircle of State flags. After taking the oath, the "new voters" gave their pledges of allegiance to the Stars and Stripes. Then they marched from the scene in colorful procession with flag bearers carrying State flags headed by Old Glory.

Robert Summers

Robert Summers
Illinois

The surprise visit of President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is still the paramount topic of camp conversation. Here is Director M. L. Wilson's FOREWORD in 4-H CLUBS BUILD FOR THE FUTURE, the book of 4-H Club photographs presented to the First Lady by the 1940 campers:

"The 4-H Clubs of the United States comprise the largest rural youth organization in the world today. These clubs are an integral part of the Agricultural Extension Service of the United States. Membership in a 4-H Club is available to any rural boy or girl, regardless of social or economic status. In 1939, the membership, including the territories of Alaska, Puerto Rico and Hawaii, totaled 1,381,595 - the high mark for any one year.

"Since the beginning of 4-H Club work on a national basis, it has reached over 8,000,000 rural young people, providing them and frequently their families - sharecroppers, tenants, and farm owners alike - with countless opportunities to achieve and to assume those responsibilities that make for intelligent and courageous citizenship in keeping with the ideals of our democracy.

"4-H Club work is now reaching 60 percent of all farm young people and 40 percent of all rural young people. Reports indicate that it is providing them with opportunities to do a worth-while piece of work in agriculture or homemaking; to contact other young people, as well as outstanding men and women who often inspire them to greater achievement; to receive guidance in the development of their own life plans; to study world affairs as related to their own community interests and responsibilities; and to gain the many cultural benefits that are possible through participation in programs developed by themselves in organized groups in consultation with their leaders.

"Through such programs, 4-H Club members learn to share responsibility; to maintain high standards; to improve their health; to cooperate with others; to live up to what is expected of them; to develop their natural resources; to take advantage of further educational opportunities; and to enrich community life whether they remain on the farm or go to the city. Often, from very small beginnings, such as starting with a few chickens or a calf, outstanding achievements have been realized in terms of sizable flocks and herds, enabling thousands of young men and women to make a good start in farming and to learn to work together toward a happier, more satisfying life in the open country."

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Postcards of the National 4-H Club Camp are for sale in the Administration Tent.

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This morning when Miss Warren boarded a taxicab and said "National 4-H Camp" the driver spoke up, "Oh, are you connected with that place? I have never seen as many good looking girls before in one group."

CLIMBING TO THE TOP

Of The Washington Monument

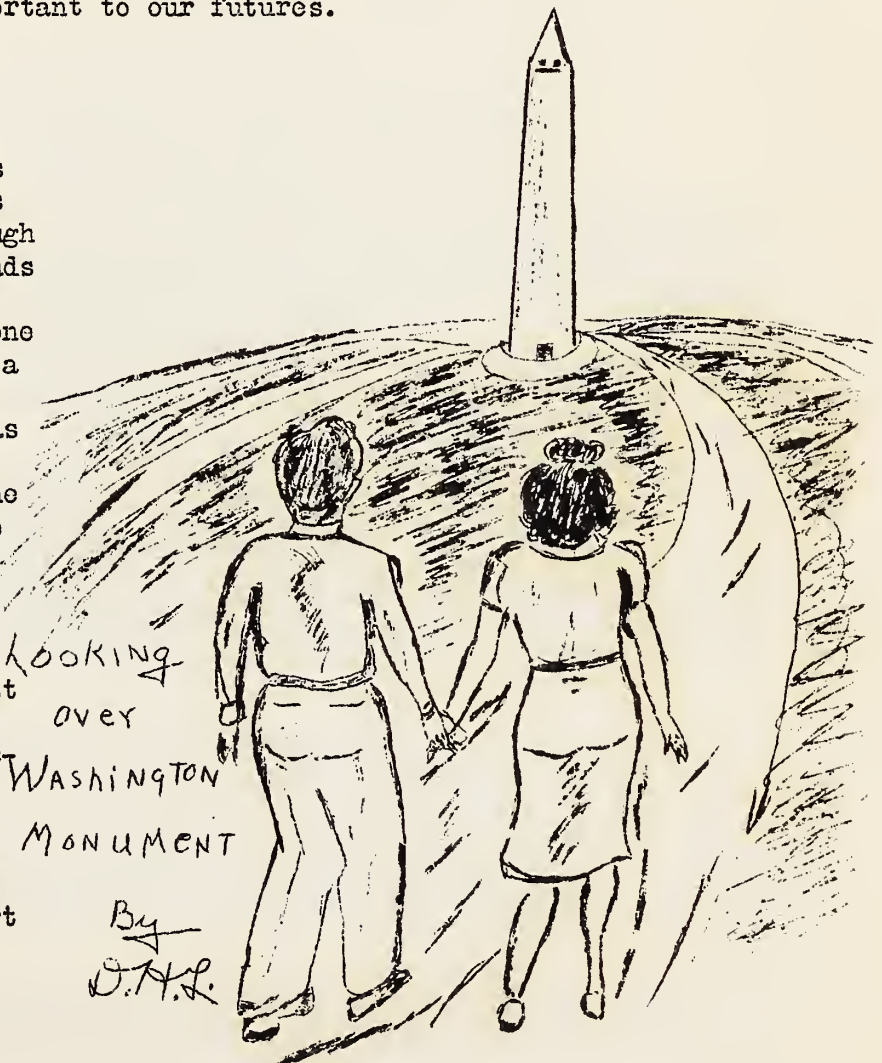
Do not always think of yourself as being honored. Think of the Nation as a whole. The most honored are those who devote their lives to working for the Nation. For instance, think of George Washington. He worked for the upbuilding of our country. Later, as years rolled by, a monument was erected to his memory.

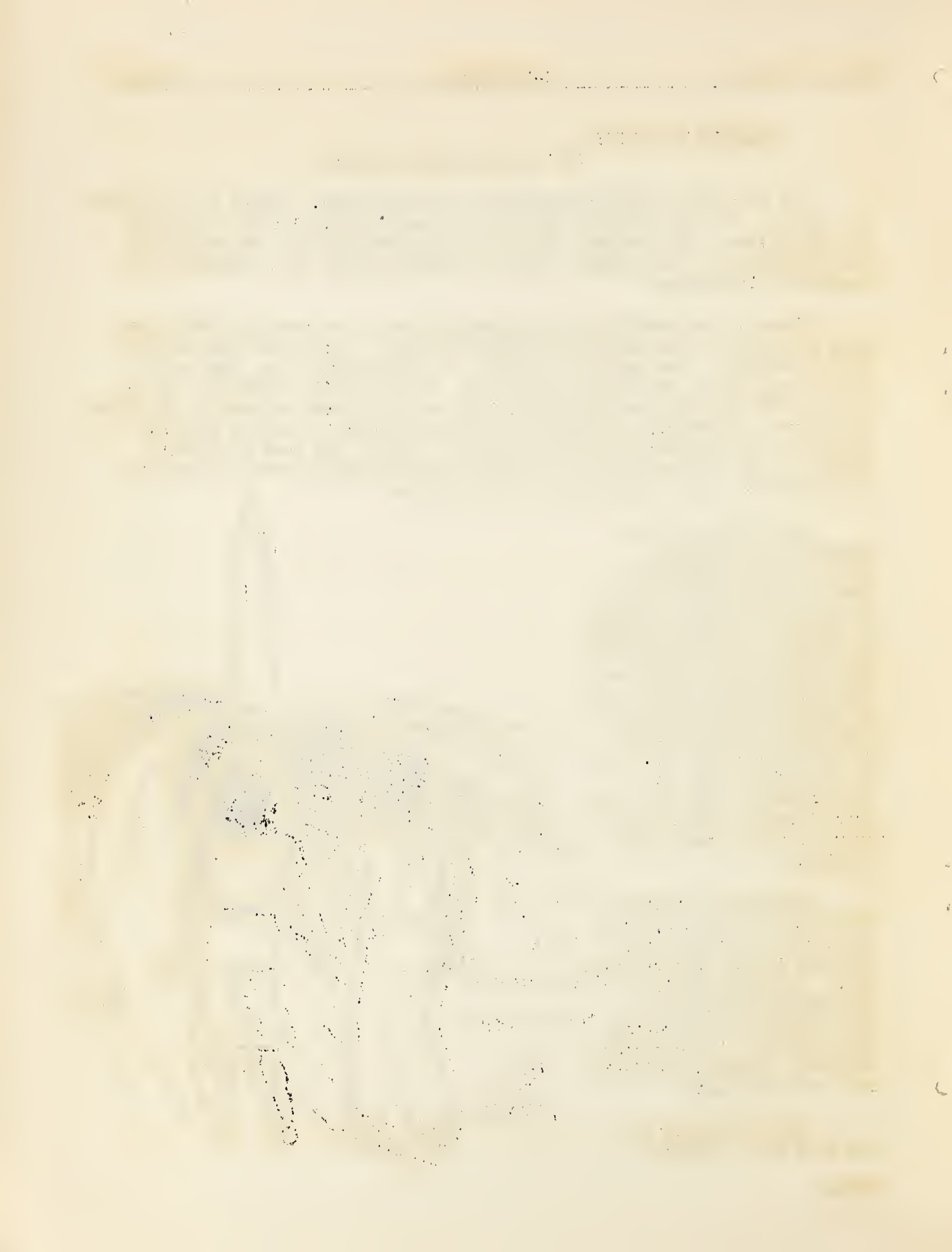
When it was decided that the Monument was to be erected, every State sent stones to be used in the construction of it. We are like the stones of the Monument. One cannot do it all. It takes many of us, just as it took united effort to build the Monument. So LET'S PULL TOGETHER. We may not be as widely known as Washington, but he had to have support in his work to achieve. Therefore, let those of us who may never be famous work together to help the leader get the job done. We may not have a monument erected to us, but we may help to carry on worth-while activities which in return will be just as important to our futures.

As we look at the Monument, we think how long it took to build it. Just so, worth-while things in our lives may take years to develop. As we go through life, we must build our minds with lofty ideals, just as the Monument was built, stone by stone, until we achieve a viewpoint of life as broad as the Monument is tall. As we ascend from the foot of the Monument to the top, the scene changes. In the same way we should elevate our thinking.

Thoughts of others will broaden our minds, just as going to the top of the Monument widens our perspective. A person doesn't necessarily have to be a good speaker to be a worth-while person. The person's thoughts, ideals, and effort are most important.

When I started in 4-H Club work, I never





dreamed of seeing the Washington Monument, to say nothing of living in its shadow at National 4-H Club Camp. But as time passed, I began to work toward this trip as my goal. And when I actually came to Camp as a delegate, I saw the Monument for the first time as we rounded a curve in the road coming into the city.

The Monument is not only beautiful from the exterior but also on the interior. Looking from its lofty top, one can see more of the District of Columbia and nearby Virginia, than from any other lookout point in this vicinity.

And so it is in club work. You can't get the best out of it without getting into it and, by individual effort, climbing to the top. The best and only way to climb to the top is by good, honest hard work.

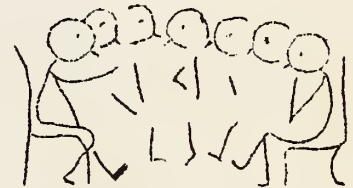
William Alva Estes

William Alva Estes,
Arkansas.

DISCUSSION IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR GOVERNMENT Says "Uncle George"

Thursday morning, June 13, all 44 delegations met in the auditorium of the United States Department of Agriculture for the first of a series of delegates' conferences. One of the principal speakers of the morning was George L. Farley, State club leader from Massachusetts. He is loved by every club boy and girl in the United States, and to them he is affectionately known as "Uncle George."

In speaking of the significance of the delegates' conference, Mr. Farley painted for us a beautiful picture showing how the first 13 colonies grew and became this great Nation which is our United States. He planted firmly in our minds the thought that these colonies were able to grow and prosper, as the result of the many group discussions which were used to solve the problems of those times.



"Discussion is the foundation of our Government," said Mr. Farley. "We should be proud we are Americans and live in the United States, for in this country we have the protection of our homes by law, the right to vote, the right to worship God according to our own belief, the right to choose a mate of our own liking, and the freedom of the press. ***We must continue discussions if we wish to continue as a democracy, for discussion and democracy go hand in hand."

Mr. Farley has been connected with 4-H Club work for the past 25 years or more. He has always taken an active part in club work at all the National

encampments held at Washington, D. C. Whenever a problem arose at camp, "Uncle George" was always ready to work out a solution. He has also been very active in 4-H Club work in his own State, giving his services freely to the Massachusetts boys and girls. Mr. Farley is known throughout the United States as one of our greatest 4-H Club leaders. Our hats are off to the man who has devoted his entire career to helping make our 4-H Clubs the leading youth organization in the country.

"Uncle George" had the misfortune to lose his eyesight a few years ago, but in spite of this handicap, he has carried on just the same. "WHEN ASKED, I WILL SERVE" is his motto -- a slogan which should be adopted by every 4-H boy and girl. If we, the 4-H boys and girls of the United States, had the courage, will power, and inspiration that this grand old man possesses, we would skyrocket to fame in our club work and in all our future undertakings.

Kenneth Garvin

Kenneth Garvin,
Texas.

INTERVIEWING THE PRESS

Miss Ruth Hogeland, associate editor of The Country Gentleman, visited with us Friday and Saturday at National 4-H Club Camp.

Miss Hogeland was poised and charming in spite of her long train ride. She chatted very informally with us all. She wore a black silk skirt with a white silk sport shirtwaist. Her accessories were black. She said she had almost selected a green dress to wear to Camp because the 4-H girls wore green uniforms.

Miss Hogeland is very enthusiastic about 4-H Club work. "As editor of the Modern Junior Pages, I have really been interested in 4-H Club boys and girls since I joined The Country Gentleman staff, some 12 years ago, and my enthusiasm for the work has never dimmed. I feel that the future of America depends very largely upon rural leadership and that it cannot fail because of the foundation already laid by the 4-H movement over a long period of years."

Elsie Tomich

Elsie Tomich,
Nebraska.

MAKING THE ROUNDS AT BELTSVILLE

Bus loads of excited clubsters were escorted by policemen to Beltsville on Thursday afternoon. All the way we looked from one side of the road to the other at the wonderful sights.

Then all of a sudden we were there and started on our tour. We saw the cattle feeding and the milking and calf barns. We visited the cold-storage plant next and then the testing station for diets of animals. The beef-type cattle were very interesting, especially the perfect type weighing about 2,100 pounds. Oh yes, and what could be more exciting, we all had our pictures taken.

This was a most interesting tour to both boys and girls. The question was asked, "Do girls enjoy this trip as much as boys?" Well, we believe so. Rural youth are learning that in order to succeed in life both boys and girls must work together, and that is impossible unless girls know a great deal about agriculture.

Tours of this type seem to be an excellent way to make 4-H'ers appreciate agriculture more than they do already, because we actually see living examples before us.

After the tour we all went to the lovely little cabin at the edge of the woods. After a little walk, each clubster received a box containing his supper. The food was most welcome to hungry appetites, and it always tastes better in the open.

The high light of the evening was the gathering on the porch and the singing of old familiar songs, and then (I suppose you have guessed by now) Miss Gardner climaxed the evening with some good, old folk games. We just can't wait to use them in our club, Miss Gardner.

Then began our trip back to camp. We were all tired, but just as real 4-H'ers do, "we sang our way home." This was a memorable trip for us all.

Margaret Eargle

Margaret Eargle,
South Carolina.

ACRES OF BOOKS

The LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, founded in 1800, has grown from the original nucleus of 6,760 volumes to more than 5,000,000 books and pamphlets which are housed in the immense structure which we saw Friday evening.

The main building and annex cover a million and a half square feet, or about 35 acres. There are 11 reading rooms and 226 individual study rooms for

research workers. There are collections of books on every conceivable topic. Here one can find the largest collection of Oriental books outside of China and Japan, as well as the largest collection of Russian books outside of Russia.

A large mosaic on one of the floors of the Library particularly attracted my attention. A guide told us that it took the artist 8 years to complete the work.

It occurred to me that we who are not artists could accomplish something worth while if we would spend as much time to become useful citizens.



Gustav Anderson,
Rhode Island.

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Parker Cousins and Elvin Caldwell of Virginia are taking full charge of the song sheets during camp. PLEASE return these pamphlets to them at the end of each assembly. After the last "camp meetin'" the song sheets will be yours to keep.

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